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▶ Fans react during the first Winnipeg Jets game the city has seen in 15 long, cold years. See story on page 15.

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Judge calls HIV spitting at cop 'despicable'

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An HIV-positive shoplifter convicted of intentionally hitting a police officer with bloody spit has been sentenced to 18 months in jail and a year of probation.

Clifford Bear, 40, learned his fate yesterday after being convicted of three counts of assault and theft under $5,000 after a trial earlier this year. He was acquitted of the more serious offence of aggravated assault.

Bear was arrested in August 2009 following a violent theft at a Main Street dollar store.

While in the police car, Bear made references to HIV-AIDS and talked about spitting.

He was then somehow able to remove a protective "spit sock" while in custody and attacked as police officers opened the door of an interview room.

His spit landed in one officer's eye, as well as on his nose and forehead.

The antiretroviral treatment the officer underwent made him violently ill but he has been given a clean bill of health.

The Crown has appealed the acquittal on the aggravated assault charge and, if won, may trigger a new trial.

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Mug. Shot

▶ Winnipeg Jets star Dustin Byfuglien is facing four charges after being arrested for allegedly drinking and boating this summer in Minnesota. The charges include boating while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and failing to provide a urine or blood sample.

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Winnipeg Jets star lands in hot water

Prominent figure faces charges

- MREA president Lorne Weiss implicated in road rage incident
- Man called police alleging a weapon was pulled on him

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A well-known Winnipeg real estate agent and outspoken advocate for tax reform in Manitoba faces weapons-related charges stemming from an apparent episode of road rage during the summer.

Charges of possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose and unauthorized possession of a restricted weapon were formally laid against Manitoba Real Estate Association (MREA) President Lorne Weiss, 64, yesterday.

"At this point, I have nothing to say," Weiss said when reached by telephone yesterday. He wouldn't say if he has hired a lawyer to act on his behalf. He is presumed innocent.

Weiss was arrested on the afternoon of July 19 after police conducted what's known as a "high-risk" traffic stop in the 400 block of Kennedy Street, according to police. The tactic is used when officers are warned weapons may be present when pulling over a car.

Police were responding to a 911 call made by a 57-year-old man who reported getting into a driving dispute with a stranger at Main Street near Leila Avenue. A police spokesperson said it was fair to describe the incident as one of "road rage."

Police said the caller alleged a gun was produced at some point in the dispute.

It was not fired and there were no reported injuries, said Const. Jason Michalyshen.

A replica handgun was recovered in the traffic stop, said police. A hearing will be conducted next Monday to determine what will happen to the weapon, court records show.

Weiss was quickly released on a promise to appear in court following his arrest.

In addition to his duties as the MREA boss, Weiss is the frequent spokesperson for a coalition of organizations calling for the province to reduce the amount of property taxes used to pay for education.

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BIPOLE DISORDER

Crowd protests hydro line

More than 100 people braved the pouring rain outside the Manitoba legislature to protest the NDP government's proposed route for the Bipole III hydro transmission line, which they say will disrupt their communities.

Manitoba Hydro originally planned to build the route along the east side of Lake Winnipeg to bring power to southern communities.

But the government ordered Hydro to reroute the line to the west, making it hundreds of kilometres longer. It says the western route preserves the boreal forest and avoids legal challenges from native communities.

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Liberals promise high-speed Internet

Manitoba Liberals are promising to expand broadband Internet service province-wide if elected on Oct. 4.

Leader Jon Gerrard believes broadband is essential to education and economic development and he says his party will bring high-speed connectivity to every community in the province.

The initiative would cost $1.9 million in the first year, although it's unclear how much more money would be needed after that.

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NDP use Tory tactics to discredit PCs

Provincial New Democrats are warning voters of a hidden privatization agenda by the Progressive Conservatives in the leadup to the provincial election.

Premier Greg Selinger used a campaign stop yesterday to accuse the Tories of having secret plans to privatize Manitoba Hydro, a suggestion the Tories have denied.

Paul Thomas of the University of Manitoba says the NDP is adopting a strategy similar to that of the federal Conservatives by trying to define Tory Leader Hugh McFadyen in voters' minds in the same way Prime Minister Stephen Harper's negative advertising labelled former Liberal leaders Michael Ignatieff and Stephane Dion.

Thomas says negative ads generally work, but can backfire if voters decide the ads are too nasty or personal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mom pleads for return of abducted children

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▶ A tearful Emily Cablek appealed yesterday for people to come forward with information about the whereabouts of her children, Abby and Dominic.

Police launch Crime Stoppers appeal ◗ People may be helping to keep kids hidden, police say

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A Winnipeg mother whose two children went missing three years ago says heartbreak at not seeing them — along with anger at their accused abductor — fuels her mission to keep searching for them.

Emily Cablek last saw Abby and Dominic in mid-August of 2008 before their father, Kevin Maryk, took them on a court-ordered visit. Police believe they are not in Canada, but they are being tight-lipped about their investigation.

"My kids should be able to just be children and not be scared of living, not be worried of what the next day brings," Cablek said yesterday as police released a new Crime Stoppers video in the hope of generating leads.

"I'm terrified for them and scared of what the next day brings ... I'll never stop looking for them."

EMILY CABLEK, MOTHER OF ABDUCTED CHILDREN ABBY AND DOMINIC MARYK

Abby would be nine years old, and Dominic 10, police said, noting their appearances could now be very different.

Maryk is wanted on a Canada-wide warrant along with his nephew, Cody McKay. Late last week, police also announced they were looking for Maryk's friend Robert Groen, 41, on suspicion he helped Maryk abduct the children.

Anyone with information is asked to call 986-6219 or Crime Stoppers at 786-TIPS (8477).

Police on the lookout

From left, Kevin Maryk, Robert Groen and Cody McKay are wanted in connection with the disappearance of Abby and Dominic Maryk in 2008. Police believe the children are no longer in Canada.

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Incoming! Space junk to hit Earth

Clapped-out NASA satellite may smash into Canada
But relax: Odds are it'll land in water, experts say

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▶ Past its best-buy date: The Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite was launched in 1991. Now it's plunging back to Earth.

An old NASA satellite, about the size of a bus, will hurtle to Earth this week.

But the U.S. space agency says not to worry. The good news is the satellite has an estimated 3,200-to-one chance of killing or injuring someone.

The bad news is the debris could come down in Canada.

Peter Brown of the University of Western Ontario says current trajectory has the satellite landing anywhere between the 57th parallel in the north and 57th parallel in the south.

That means the only places in Canada outside the potential impact zone are the Northwest Territories and the Yukon.

Rest easy: Not only can the course change, but all indications suggest it's most likely to land in water.

"It can't be pinned down very accurately at this stage," Brown said. "Odds are it's (coming down) over the ocean."

Phil Langill of the University of Calgary says the odds are "very, very good" debris will land in water because the satellite spends most of its time over the oceans.

NASA said the satellite is expected to re-enter the Earth's atmosphere on Friday, "plus or minus a day."

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News in brief

PETA porn coming soon

BAWDY. PETA — People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals — plans to create a pornographic website to promote its animal-rights and vegan-diet message.

PETA aide Lindsay Rajt says the website will feature graphic videos and photographs. She noted PETA has used porn stars and nudity to get its message across in the past.

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Tory help costs $90,000 a day

CONSULTANTS. The Harper government is paying a high-powered management-consultant firm almost $90,000 a day for advice on how to save money.

Deloitte Inc. was hired on Aug. 15 on a $19.8-million contract to advise the federal cabinet and senior officials.

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When a slur is just a joke

ONLINE LIMITS. Is it OK to text a slur? Most young people think it is when friends are joking around with each other, according to a new poll.

The AP-MTV poll shows they don't worry that online slurs could reach a wider audience and get them in trouble.

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Tory crime crackdown

Giant justice bill touches drugs, parolees, refugees, terrorism ◐ Critics say the measures just don't work

Drugs, refugees, parolees and terrorism.

The Conservative government touched them all when it introduced sweeping new criminal-justice changes yesterday.

But the Tories dismissed the cost to taxpayers and the downward direction of crime trends.

"We're not governing on the basis of the latest statistics," Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said in Brampton.

"We're governing on the basis of what's right to better protect victims and law-abiding Canadians."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has moved to make good on an election promise to bundle a series of proposed measures as part of his self-described "tough-on-crime" agenda.

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▶ "Canadians ... deserve to feel safe in their homes," Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said yesterday.

The 110-page omnibus bill tabled in the Commons affects nine pieces of existing legislation including changes to drug laws, youth sentencing, the pardons system, detention of refugees, parole and house arrest and anti-terrorism measures.

The government won praise from victims'-rights groups and at least two provinces.

But critics say the measures are hugely expensive and have been proven ineffective — or worse — over three decades of increasingly draconian "tough-on-crime" campaigns in the United States.

Many of the new provisions will increase the number of offenders facing sentences of less than two years, putting more strain on provincial jails.

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Going down ...

- Crime rates in both Canada and the United States have been trending downward in near lock-step for at least a decade.
- Many American state governments are attempting to unravel harsh minimum-sentencing provisions and bring in more parole and house-arrest options in an effort to ease the crushing cost of incarceration.

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▶ Air Canada employees rally on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday.

Air Canada reaches deal

Details of deal to be released after vote with flight attendants is held
Airline was making plans to continue flying if a strike had occurred

Air Canada has reached a tentative contract deal with the union for its flight attendants, averting a possible strike that would have disrupted operations at Canada's biggest airline.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees said yesterday it is recommending Air Canada's 6,800 flight attendants accept the deal.

"It's business as usual and customers can continue to make their travel plans on Air Canada with confidence," Susan Welscheid, Air Canada's senior vice-president of customer service said.

In August, the Air Canada flight attendants had resoundingly rejected a tentative deal CUPE negotiated with the airline, forcing the two sides back to the drawing board. The key areas of dispute were wages, pensions, crew rest, working conditions and work rules.

CUPE said it will hold meetings of its membership in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto and Montreal over the next week.

A strike deadline had been set for just after midnight today, though federal Labour Minister Lisa Raitt had warned she would introduce back-to-work legislation.

Minutes after the deal was announced, Labour Minister Lisa Raitt called on union members to ratify the agreement.

"The objective of the legislation that we put on notice yesterday has been achieved and we are so very pleased that air service for Canadians will be protected," she said.

A walkout in June by the airline's customer service agents lasted just three days before a deal was reached under a threat by Raitt that she would legislate them back to work.

The Air Canada deal was announced soon after the two sides resumed face-to-face talks and hours after they broke off negotiations.

It prompted Air Canada's shares to soar more than six per cent, gaining 10 cents to $1.69 in afternoon trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

The union held rallies at Parliament Hill in Ottawa and other locations. Sal Occhiuzzi, 54, a flight attendant for 31 years, said workers just wanted a fair deal that will allow them to recover some of the money lost in the last decade.

"We helped the company out when things were tough and we all gave a lot and it's time for the company to give a bit back," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tims truly exports itself

Tim Hortons' new Dubai location represents "the first true export of the brand," CEO Paul House said yesterday, but even after the outlet opened its doors to crowds of Canadian expatriates Saturday, the chain is not rushing toward a global presence.

"It's a historic moment," House said.

Though the chain has already opened extensive operations in the U.S., self-serve kiosks in the U.K., and a temporary location at the Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan, this store is its first full-serve restaurant outside of North America.

The menu is identical, and although Dubai is a "mature" coffee market, with many Starbucks, Tims sees opportunity in its value-priced food options not readily available in the region, House said.

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TECHNOLOGY

Future car drives itself

It can talk, see, drive and no longer needs a human being to control it by remote. The car of the future — completely computer-controlled — is on the streets of Berlin.

All summer, researchers from the city's Free University have been testing the automobile.

The vehicle manoeuvres through traffic on its own using a sophisticated combination of devices, including a computer, electronics and a precision satellite navigation system in the trunk, a camera in the front, and laser scanners on the roof and around the front and rear bumpers.

"The vehicle can recognize other cars on the road, pedestrians, buildings and trees up to 70 metres around it and even see if the traffic lights ahead are red or green and react accordingly," explained Raul Rojas, the head of the university's research group for artificial intelligence.

The scientists have worked on their research car, a Volkswagen Passat worth $551,800 US with lots of built-in special technology, for four years.

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Governments 'must act swiftly': Bank of Canada

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney is issuing a call to action to governments and laying partial blame on their ineffectual responses so far for taking the world to the precipice of a new recession.

In a hard-hitting speech to a business crowd in Saint John, N.B., Carney said yesterday the combination of sovereign debt worries and bad politics have sapped investor confidence.

"The combination of high debt loads and unpredictable politics is toxic," he said.

The no-nonsense language highlights the importance Carney gives to the upcoming meetings of the G20 finance ministers and International Monetary Fund later this week. But it also underscores the gravity of the situation as he sees it.

Europe's fiscal and debt problems are serious but fixable, but governments must act swiftly to fix them, he said. He said the U.S. is not doomed to suffer another recession, but the risks have clearly risen and squabbling politicians are making matters worse.

While these problems — and solutions — lie mostly outside Canada, Carney said that the Canadian economy will not skirt by unscathed. The economy is being damaged through a tightening of financial conditions and a slowdown in growth, particularly with in the export sector.

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Projections

- IMF projected growth for this year to be 2.1 per cent, while downgrading economic expectations for much of Europe and the United States.
- Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney says if a new shock occurs, the Bank of Canada has the tools to boost our economy.

GINGER-SPERM BAN TURNING SOME HEADS

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO

Redheads are special.

I know. I've been married to one for 33 years come Oct. 6. They're fiery, fierce, funny and fantastic. The air crackles as they walk down the street. Some even come with an added bonus: freckles. I defy anyone to resist the charms of a fat-faced, green-eyed, red-headed moppet adorned with freckles.

It can't be done.

So what's with the world's largest sperm bank, the Danish firm of Cryos International, turning red-headed donors away? Apparently the demand for green-eyed red-headed moppets adorned with freckles has dropped off, except in Ireland, where red-headed sperm sells like hotcakes according to the director, some guy named Ole (not to be confused with Olé, which ain't Danish).

The Irish breed as many redheads as four-leaf clovers, but there are also up to 18 million redheads in the U.S.A., and Scotland is the epicentre, where 13 per cent of the population sports a carrot top. But as the petri dish becomes the next cradle of humanity and people can choose their hue, redheads are in danger of being engulfed in a colour-biased wave of brown, black and blond.

"Red-headed babies have an immediate high profile. It's impossible for them to blend in, to become part of the faceless crowd, as they shine like a copper star wherever they go. Most parents are inherently conservative. They don't want to raise kids who stand out just by standing there."

The problem is obvious. Red-headed babies have an immediate high profile. It's impossible for them to blend in, to become part of the faceless crowd, as they shine like a copper star wherever they go. Most parents are inherently conservative. They don't want to raise kids who stand out just by standing there.

Why else would you name your kid Madison? Because all the others kids are called Madison.

You can't call a redhead Madison. That's a brunette name. A redhead is called Fergie, or maybe Gus. And definitely Colleen.

Take it from me. As you can tell from the photo that accompanies this column, I should be considered completely neutral on matters of hair. I'd be happy to have some, period. I dimly remember having brown hair, which clogged the drain for a few years before making an early exit. I think I'm what they call Black Irish, which is ridiculous as 99 per cent of me is pink, especially with prolonged exposure to the sun. Most redheads aren't so good in the sunlight either, as they don't need the competition.

We simply can't allow redheads to be eclipsed by reproductive science (talk about an oxymoron). We should all join the Red Headed League: Redheads of the world unite! It's time to stick up for the right to stick out.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

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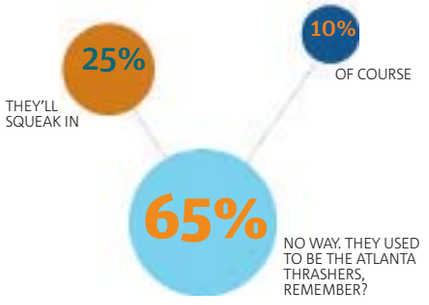
Do you think the Winnipeg Jets will make the playoffs in their first season?



Local tweets

- **@GWolfrey2point6:** gonna watch the Winnipeg Jets game tonight! the new and improved Jets. #JetsWinnipeg
- **@RBQ17:** It may be miserable outside in Winnipeg(JetsNation) but tonight the moment everyone has been waiting for- the return of NHL! Go #JETS!
- **@dmoroski316:** What a surreal day. 15 years later, the #Jets are back playing a pre-season game. It seems like a dream. #gojetsgo #amidreaming
- **@KimberGracie:** Dilemma of the day: Should I be a good Winnipeger & watch the #WinnipegJets game tonight, or watch all the new & returning TV?!?!?
- **@meicheljets:** It's hockey season! Summer was fast and slow but the best sport in the world is back! And so are the Jets! #WinnipegJets
- **@RC_Sutherland:** I look out the window, it's cold, rainy and cloudy. I can't help but think what a great day it is to play a hockey game. #winnipegjets

Worth Mentioning

AVATAR. The Walt Disney Co. said yesterday it has agreed on an exclusive deal to build attractions based on James Cameron's Avatar at its theme parks, starting with its Animal Kingdom park in Orlando, Fla.

Construction is set to begin in 2013 and is expected to be finished about three years after that.

The Avatar attraction is to be an immersive land spanning several acres and will cost less than half of the estimated $1 billion US it cost to expand Disney California Adventure Park, or around $400 million US.

CEO Bob Iger made the announcement at a news conference yesterday.

Cameron, who is working on the second and third instalments of the top-grossing film of all time, said the attractions would be a way to bring the lush world of Pandora to life, and would include animatronics and potential multimedia shows that use 3-D and holographic technology.

"This is a pretty darned exciting project," Cameron told reporters.

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Cartoon by Michael de Adder

WEIRD NEWS

Something missing in the audience ... oh yeah, men

Turkey has come up with a radical solution for tackling crowd violence at soccer matches: ban the men and let only women and children in.

Under new rules approved by Turkey's football association, only women and children under the age of 12 will be admitted to watch games — for free — involving teams which have been sanctioned for unruly behaviour by their fans.

Yesterday, women formed long lines around Fenerbahce's Sukru Saracoglu stadium.

The game kicked off with Fenerbahce and Manisaspor players hurling flowers at the spectators. The visiting team was greeted with applause, instead of the usual jeering.

Fenerbahce was sanctioned by the association in July following trouble by fans who also attacked journalists for what they regarded as critical coverage of a match-fixing probe that involves the league champion.

Fenerbahce president Aziz Yildirim is among 30 suspects detained in the case.

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Taylor Lautner looks to shed his werewolf image with his first solo project
The teen heartthrob promises to keep our pulses racing in his new flick

The 'next Tom Cruise'

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

HANDOUT

▶ Up and coming actors Taylor Lautner and Lily Collins star in Abduction.

If you ever find yourself searching for the room where you're scheduled to interview Taylor Lautner, look for the one with the duo of hulking security guards suspiciously eyeing every room service attendant or housekeeper that walks down the hall. That's the place.

It makes sense that Lautner would need to take certain precautions given that he's been an international megastar since the age of 16, thanks to a little something called Twilight.

Now at the ripe old age of 19, with his time as werewolf Jacob Black wrapped on the final installment of the series and set to come to an end in November 2012, Lautner is looking to grow from teen idol to leading man with his first solo project, Abduction, an action adventure helmed by John Singleton.

As grateful as Lautner is for the success of the Twilight franchise, one has to wonder if he isn't more than a little excited to escape certain byproducts of the series' success, like the hysterical screaming teens that swarm him wherever he goes.

Asked if he ever grows weary of hearing shrieks, he shakes his head.

"I love that noise," he smiles. "We feed off of their energy. When we walk into a room, an auditorium or a red carpet and there's thousands of fans screaming, it really gets us pumped. I remember the first time we ever heard it was at Comic Con for Twilight and we were like, 'Whoa! What is going on?' But now we're kind of used to it. We love it."

Leaving the Twilight series behind and embarking on more mature roles, Lautner has been hailed as "the next Tom Cruise," a distinction he embraces with a "Gee, shucks, me?" attitude.

"Tom Cruise has been my idol my entire life. I love his career path, his choices, so to have a tenth of the career Tom Cruise has had would be a dream for me," he offers shyly.

One thing Cruise and Lautner have in common, besides those delightfully toothy grins, is a love of performing their own stunts.

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TAYLOR LAUTNER

As an accomplished martial artist, Lautner is extremely physically capable and was thrilled to tackle the action sequences of Abduction, which included boxing, riding on the hood of a careening car and sliding down the sheer glass face of an escalator overhang.

"When I hear about the stunts that my character is going to do, I want to do them myself," Lautner beams.

"Selfishly, they sound fun, but our goal with this movie was to make it seem as real and grounded as possible and it always helps when the real actors are doing the stunts."

Film synopsis

▶ **Abduction is** "a thriller centred on a young man who sets out to uncover the truth about his life after finding his baby photo on a missing persons website," according to IMDB.

Scene in brief

Canadian singer J.D. Fortune says he's no longer a member of the band INXS and that the split is amicable. In a post on his blog yesterday, Fortune says he was not fired and didn't quit, but that the band will continue without him. He says he's now developing "several exciting projects as a solo artist."
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New HBO documentary shines a rare light on influential Hispanics in The Latino List

'A different type of relationship'

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▶ Harry Connick Jr. gets wet.

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Harry Connick Jr. says working with his co-star everyday was "really incredible."

He's not talking about Morgan Freeman or Ashley Judd, although he enjoyed spending time on set with them.

No, he's referring to Winter, the titular star of his new film Dolphin's Tale.

Winter is the real-life inspiration of the story of a bottlenose dolphin whose tail was lost in a crab trap.

Rescued and rehabilitated by the folks at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, the giant marine mammal was equipped with a prosthetic tail which allows it to swim normally.

"I've been around dolphins before but there is something different about her. I guess it's because she's been so ultra socialized, she's been around so many different people since she was months old that maybe there is a different type of relationship she has with humans. I'm not sure. There is something you can feel. It's pretty cool."

‘Hey, I’m Jonah and I’m in this movie. ...I hope you accept me.’

Hill talks about his dramatic turn in Moneyball and his dramatic weight loss He regrets that the second story is not that interesting

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▶ Brad Pitt, left, and Jonah Hill star in Moneyball.

Jonah Hill is understandably a little hoarse when we meet up with him at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston. The night before, he had been partying with the staff of the Harvard Lampoon in nearby Cambridge. “Oh my gosh, one of the best nights of my entire life,” he says.

He gets a little starry eyed. “It was very inspirational because not only have a lot of the great comedy writers of our time and before passed through there and were a part of that organization, but it was inspirational and moving in that I always felt like, displaced a lot. Because there weren’t very many film people or comedy people really in my high school and college was kind of the same. I just would have felt so at home there. I got the feeling that gosh, I just felt like I would have thrived in that environment.”

Regardless of oppressive environments of his past, Hill is thriving. He is starring in his first dramatic role, playing opposite Brad Pitt in the film adaptation of Michael Lewis’ 2003 book, Moneyball.

I know you must be sick of talking about your weight, but could you give me a Cliffs-Notes’ version?

I completely understand people’s interest in it. I went to a nutritionist. I wanted to be healthier. It’s really as simple as that. It’s not that talking about it bothers me; it’s just how uninteresting my answers are. I wish I had something more interesting to say.

At the Video Music Awards you made a crack that “people keep saying, ‘now that you’ve lost weight, you’re probably not funny anymore.’” And then you go and do a dramatic film!

I just like all kinds of movies. To me it’s about making good movies. I’m lucky enough to spend my life doing this, and I’d like to it when I’m an old man. I’d like to have a few DVDs — or whatever space technology they have — to show to my grandkids and go, ‘This is what I spent my life doing.’...

At what point did you know you wanted to try a drama?

I think I’ve always wanted to take this turn — it just had to be the right thing. … With all these talented people, I mean it was a no brainer. The truth is I feel very similar right now at this moment in my career to how I did when Superbad was coming out, because Superbad was my introduction to people. I was this underdog, an unlikely star. I was not famous and I was the star of this big motion picture. I was saying ‘Hey, I’m Jonah. I’m in this movie. I’d like to do more of this and I hope you accept me.’ And I got really lucky.

So now I feel the same way because I’m re-introducing myself by saying ‘Hey, I’m Jonah and I’m in this different kind of movie ... And I’d like to do more of this and I hope you accept me.’

MATH IN MOVIES IN FOCUS

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Two plus two equals four isn’t really a compelling idea for the plot of a movie, but filmmakers have often turned to mathematics as the basis for a story.

The Coen Brothers focused an entire film around the Uncertainty Principle in Quantum Mechanics. In A Serious Man Prof. Larry Gopnik (Michael Stuhlbarg) teaches his classes the principle, but desperately wants to believe, despite the equation, that life makes sense.

It’s not a movie about wave-particle duality and the DeBroglie hypothesis — it’s a very human story about a man searching for answers — but the math is crucial to the story. The same holds true for Moneyball, the new Brad Pitt movie opening this weekend. The story of a baseball team’s general manager who uses algorithms and computer-generated analysis called sabermetrics to draft his players isn’t strictly about the math, but the story wouldn’t be the same without it.

A Beautiful Mind shows how mathematician John Nash, played by Russell Crowe would visualize math problems in order to identify patterns and solve equations.

The Hangover uses a similar trick. At a Las Vegas casino Alan (Zach Galifianakis) counts cards at a blackjack table as mathematical equations appear on the screen. In reality none of the equations —l ike the Fourier theory of additive synthesis — have anything to do with cheating at cards, but it’s a funny scene that inspired the Facebook page “Alan from The Hangover makes math seem AWESOME.”

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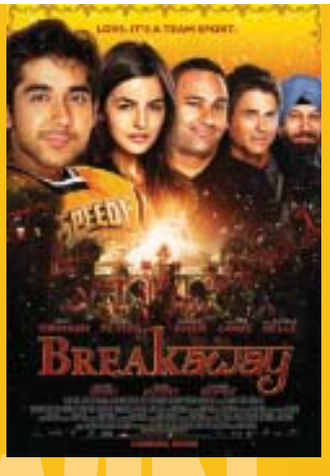

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Sheen changes his tune

Troubled actor is being pretty nice about his old show — could it have to do with his sweet payout?

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▶ Charlie Sheen

Charlie Sheen has been making nice with his former show, Two and a Half Men — offering kind words at the Emmys and tweeting about watching the season 9 premiere — and now we know why.

Sheen has reached a settlement with Warner Bros. over his dismissal from the show earlier this year, and according to TMZ the actor will get an immediate $25 million payout, plus about $100 million in syndication profits over the next 10 years.

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'I often dream of quitting acting': Michelle Williams

Despite the acclaim she's been receiving for her upcoming films, Michelle Williams admits she's been fantasizing about leaving acting behind.

"I often dream of quitting acting. Walking away and becoming a laundress or a sous chef, or maybe writing other people's love letters for a living," Williams tells Hobo magazine.

"Clearly, I don't like to be in charge."

But don't go writing the My Week with Marilyn star off just yet, as she admits that "thinking of quitting is just keeping going in disguise." METRO

▶ Michelle Williams

Sarah Hyland dukes it out with fans of Glee star on Twitter

Modern Family star Sarah Hyland has found herself in a war of words on Twitter with fans of Glee star Lea Michele after Hyland mocked Michele's red carpet poses while guest-hosting Fashion Police on the E! network.

"I did not intend for my comments to be taken in a malicious way. But I did hate the dress. Called her ass great. Did you all hear that one?"

Hyland tweeted in response to rabid Michele fans, who also accused Hyland of being jealous of Michele's success.

"In no way am I jealous of Lea Michelle," Hyland shot back.

"I'm happy with my own life and am not jealous of anyone else's in the world."

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▶ Sarah Hyland

▶ Lea Michele

Celebrity tweets

@charliesheen
Surrounded by friends and watching the premier of Two and a Half Men. Odd... But cool..! So far a lot of laughs!! Nice...

@JuddApatow
Tomorrow is the last day of our shoot of This Is Forty. It has suddenly gotten very sad around here. I am proud of our team. We gave our all

@SarahKSilverman
Let's all make a pact to stop dressing our toddlers in sexy outfits

@Slash
Watched Bridesmaids for the 2nd time on the way back to LA. Even better the 2nd time. Easily best comedy of the year.

Entourage will hit big screen

There's been speculation about an eventual Entourage movie now that the HBO series has ended, and executive producer Mark Wahlberg is happy to confirm it.

"Yes, for sure. Yes," he tells Hollyscoop when asked if the jump to the big screen is taking place. Wahlberg says that all the events of the series finale leave the characters "teed up for a movie."

There's no word on when the film would go into production at this time.

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▶ Mark Wahlberg

Let loose in the Arizona desert

Are you ready to defy the crisp days of autumn? Extend summer with an awe-inspiring trip to Arizona and the Sierra Ancha

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Your first day in Arizona, in the heart of the Sierra Ancha's stones, try gearing up with a wetsuit and a helmet to inspect the Salome Canyon underworld. Scramble and swim in some of the most spectacular natural playgrounds in the world. At times down in the canyon, you will be able to touch both granite walls rising 200-feet above you and rappel a 40-feet rushing waterfall.

Spend a divine night at the luxury Royal Palms Resort and Spa, and wake up early to climb the Camelback Mountain in Phoenix. Imagine the sensation of making one with the mountain, of floating like a bold eagle above the rocks while admiring the sunrise on the city. Take the afternoon to go deeper in the Sonora desert and hike among the boulders.

Get on your mountain bike on the third day and race among cacti and other unwelcoming, yet beautiful spiky trees in McDowell Regional Park. Make sure not to step on a rattlesnake or a tarantula nest; they abound in the area. Unwind in the afternoon, kayaking on the gentle stream of the Salt River, where you might come across wild mustangs.

On day four, you will board a Cessna (a four-seater plane) to fly over the Grand Canyon. In the Grand Canyon National Park, sore muscles permitting, you will embark on a 1200-foot descent down the canyon. It's a spectacular trek through more than 40 million years of geological history.

Save a day to drive down to Tucson and live among cowboys for a while at the White Stallion Ranch.

If you go

- **Canyoneering, climbing:** 360-adventures.com
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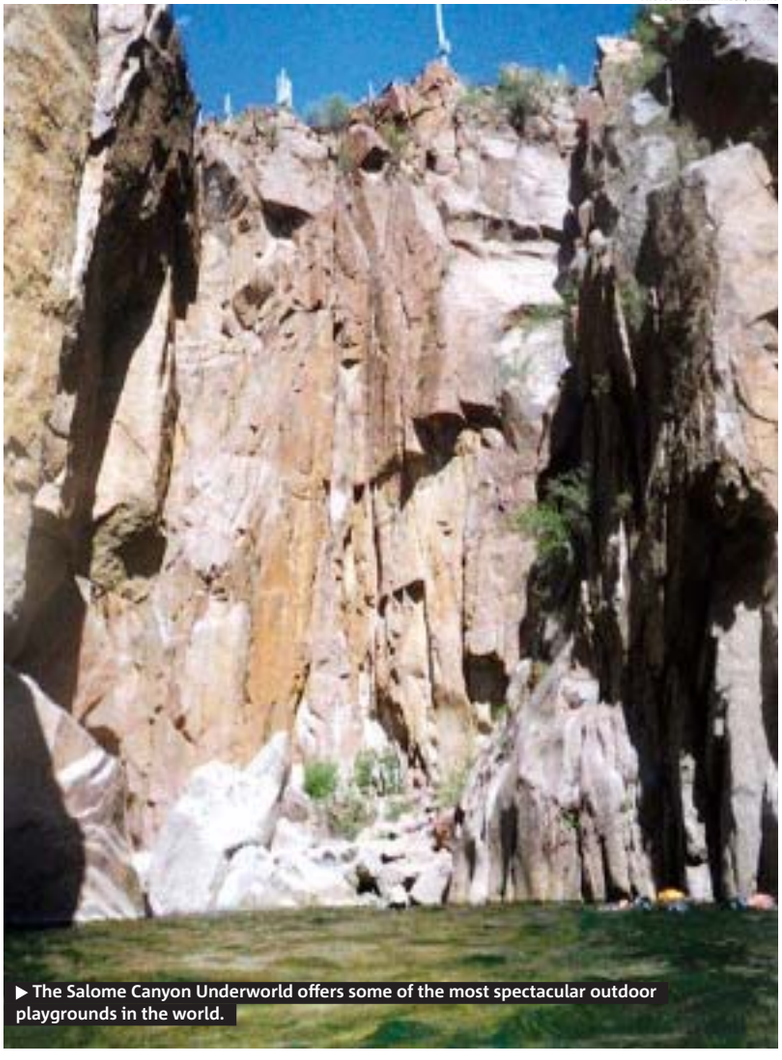

▶ The Salome Canyon Underworld offers some of the most spectacular outdoor playgrounds in the world.

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Travel in brief

Google is elevating the quality of its search results for airline tickets. Its revised approach to airfare queries appeared Tuesday in a newly opened "flights" section of Google.com. It provided the first glimpse at how Google intends to use the tools it picked up from its $676 million purchase of leading airline fare tracker ITA Software.

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Savoury apple sensations

Apple Cheddar Puffs prove this fruit has a place at the dinner table Serve as appetizers

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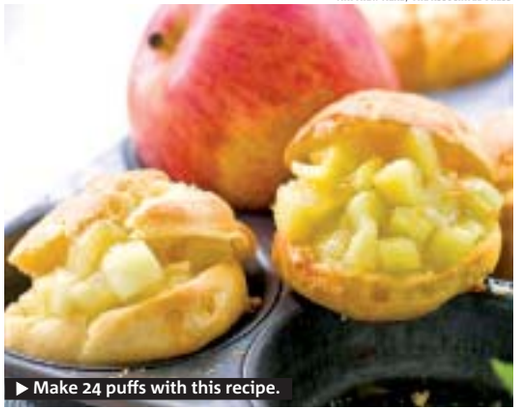

▶ Make 24 puffs with this recipe.

While sauces and pies are a fine start, it's also easy to get creative with how we cook apples.

Apple Cheddar Puffs
Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 220 C (425 F). Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. In saucepan over medium-high, heat water, butter and salt until boiling. Add flour and stir vigorously with wooden spoon until mix comes away from sides of pan and forms a ball of dough, about 1 min.
3. Transfer dough to bowl of electric mixer. Mix with paddle attachment 1 min. Add eggs, one at a time, waiting until fully incorporated before adding next. When all of the eggs are incorporated, mix in cheese.
4. Spoon mix into large zip-close bag with corner cut off. Gently squeeze to create walnut-size mounds on prepared baking sheets, leaving 5 cm (2 inches) between each mound. Bake 10 mins, then reduce oven temp. to 190 C (375 F) and bake for another 15 minutes or until golden brown.
5. Remove puffs from oven and pierce side of each to allow steam to escape. Let cool.
6. While puffs bake, make filling. In saucepan over medium-high, cook apples, sugar, ginger, lemon juice, salt and 30 ml (2 tbsp) of water just until apples tender, about 6 mins. In glass, stir remaining 30 ml (2 tbsp) water and cornstarch, add to apples. Bring to simmer and cook just until mi thickens, 1 to 2 mins. Let cool before using.
7. To fill puffs, cut each in half horizontally. Spoon small amount of filling into bottom of shell, replace top half of shell. Serve warm.

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Ingredients:

Puffs
- 250 ml (1 cup) water
- 90 ml (6 tbsp) unsalted butter
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 325 ml (1 1/3 cup) all-purpose flour
- 5 eggs
- 250 ml (1 cup) grated extra-sharp cheddar cheese

Filling
- 4 Golden Delicious apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sugar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) grated fresh ginger
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice
- Pinch salt
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) water, divided
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) cornstarch

Drink of the week

Earl Grey Peach Bubbly

- 2 cups (500 mL) water
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) Earl Grey loose tea leaves
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) peaches (sliced, peeled, pitted)
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) honey
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) grated lemon rind
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) lemon juice
- 1 bottle (750 mL) carbonated mineral water

In saucepan bring water to boil. Add tea leaves; steep 5 mins. Let cool slightly.

Strain tea into blender; discard tea leaves. Add peach slices and honey. Blend until smooth. Add lemon rind and juice. Cover and refrigerate until cold.

Pour mix into pitcher; add mineral water. Refrigerate until ready to use.

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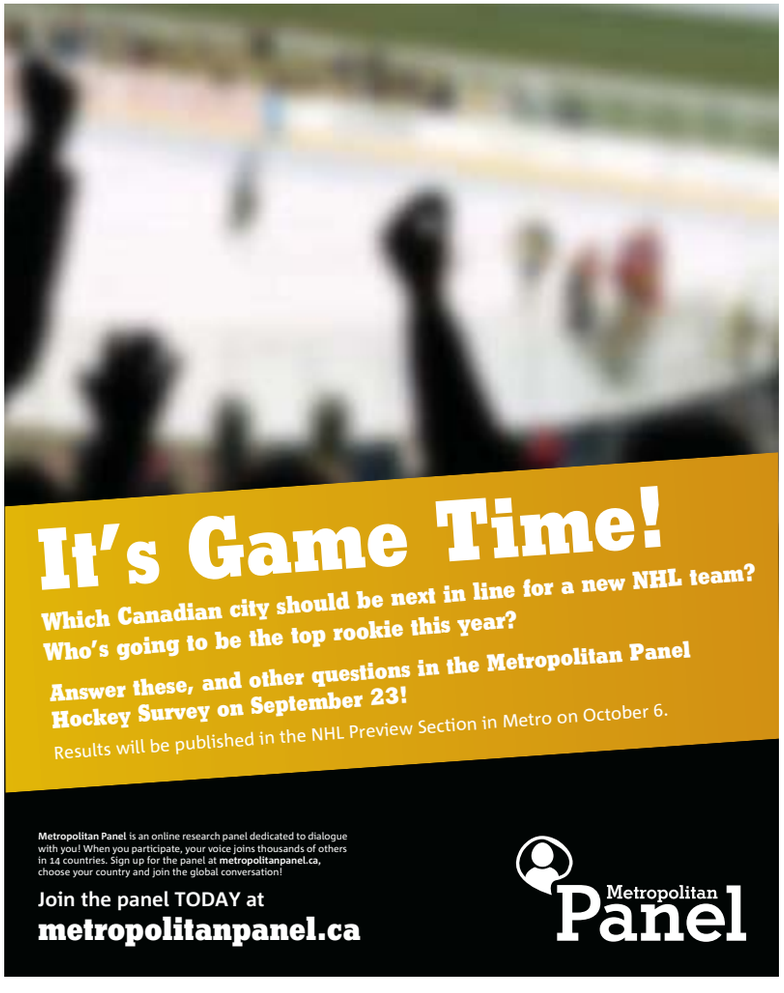
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Start the search in September. Seriously.

STUDENT VOICE

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Most college and university students start their summer job search in February. But actually, job searching much earlier — in September — can lead to summer employment.

In the beginning of September 2010, I began looking for work-study positions at my university. The Federal Work-Study Program allows students like me to gain some extra cash while still putting school as their first priority.

The program restricts students to a maximum of 12 working hours per week and usually runs from September to early March.

▶ Tommy Tam knows first-hand what staying ahead of the pack can do for the career-minded student.

After sending my resumé and cover letter to a few work-study positions, I was invited for an interview and was granted the position of Research Assistant at the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (HPME).

I truly enjoyed my time and my work with the professor and her team, but found myself searching for a summer job as April 2011 came around.

To my surprise, my professor offered to hire me from May to August, as a summer student with her team.

And even more amazing than that, I was accepted as a graduate student in that same department! Searching for jobs early on in September really paid off.

Based on my experience, I would recommend career centres continue actively promoting and advertising the Federal Work-Study Program so that students can be informed of these types of opportunities.

The Federal Work-Study Program has worked wonders for my career and I sincerely hope that it will do the same for others as well.

I also hope that my fellow students learn how important it is to start your job search early, in September when companies are hiring students who are going to graduate that year. Students often start their job search in February or even later on in the year but I hope I can encourage students to start their job searches as early as possible.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Tommy's experience:

- Don't leave job-searching to the last minute. If you want a job after graduation, then start applying when employers are hiring: in September.
- Networking is vital to landing any job — if employers can put a face to a name, you'll stand out from the numerous resumés they receive every day.

Where Tommy is now

I am currently a graduate student at the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (HPME), the same department where I held a work-study position.

WORKPLACE WINNERS ALWAYS WELCOME

WORKPLACE LAW

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Last week I introduced you to my favourite workplace "losers"; those people who just love to fail, and why their idiosyncrasies often cost them their own cases. But Canadian workplaces have a number of "winners" as well. These people play the game right and they often come out ahead. Here are some of their winning attributes:

The Peacemaker
Companies do not value employees who create or participate in stupid arguments as much as those that avoid them. The Peacemaker understands this concept and avoids workplace quarrels, especially those between colleagues and he or she never takes sides in a meaningless dispute. Rather, the Peacemaker offers an objective opinion and unbiased advice.

The Stoic
Employees have a tendency to seek instant gratification, usually to their own detriment. When they are denied a raise or a promotion, most will complain and they will do so immediately. The problem with them, however, is not what they say it is when they say it. But the Stoic is different. He or she is cool under pressure and patient when it matters most. More importantly, the Stoic understands when not to complain.

The Opportunist
In law, just like in life, timing is everything. The Opportunist knows this concept well and lurks for an opportunity to take advantage of a good situation. The Opportunist may not be the best at whatever he or she does at work but by being in the right place at the right time, they get credit from their employers.

The Optimist
No one likes a grouch at work. This is not news to the Optimist, because he or she is valued by an employer for their positive attitude, even if this attitude is sometimes a facade.

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GAP REMAINS BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN IN SENIOR ROLES

Despite perceptions that women are occupying more and more senior management positions in Canada, that line of thinking was shattered by a recent Conference Board of Canada report.

"We didn't expect the gap to be fully closed, but I think we expected to see more progress than there was," says Ruth Wright.

She oversaw the research for the report that analyzed Statistics Canada data from 1987 to 2009 and found that despite a steady increase in female labour participation, "the proportion of women in senior management positions has virtually flat-lined," says the report.

In 2009, twice as many men occupied senior management positions compared to women, although women held about 48 per cent of all jobs in Canada.

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Dr. Janni Aragon, the chair of the academic women's caucus at the University of Victoria, thinks higher education could help improve the situation.

"We need to get more women and other marginalized groups into the masters programs, not only business administration, the executive MBA programs, but also MPA (Masters of Public Administration) programs," she says.

Currently, only about one-third of MBAs received in Canada are earned by women.

Catherine Hakim, a sociologist at the London School of Economics, has a controversial solution to help with the problem. In her new book, Erotic Capital: The Power of Attractiveness in the Boardroom and the Bedroom, she says social and physical attractiveness affect all aspects of people's lives, so it is something that should be utilized in the workplace.

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Percentage of MBAs earned by women in Canada in 2010-11. **Source: catalyst.org.**

"Both men and women who are good-looking, dress well, keep fit, and have elegant social manners, charm and charisma are more agreeable colleagues, clients, business contacts and managers, and have better working relationships," she writes in an email.

"They sell ideas, policies, products and services more easily, and make their enterprises more profitable."

She says "patriarchal ideology has belittled women who are attractive as stupid or superficial. Unfortunately, many feminists adopted the same ideas."

– Richard Woodbury

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FOCUS ON DIVERSITY

As the U.S. economy struggles and the country tightens its immigration policies, more and more international business students are choosing to study in Canada.

Kerri Regan, MBA program manager at the Queen's School of Business, says up to 45 per cent of its students come from outside of Canada. "Canada is perceived as being a multicultural environment," she says. "That's definitely a draw — that focus on diversity."

Canada recently made its visa rules for students more welcoming, so many international students make the country a destination, planning to work for at least a few years after graduation. Some intend to move permanently to Canada.

Other students are looking to gain as much experience as they can and then take it back home.

International MBA students only pay a little more in tuition than Canadian students, so, for the university, the big draw is bringing a global perspective to the classroom. Many international students want to study in English, the default language for global business, and opt for Canada's strong economy and more open immigration rules.

"Most of our international students work for global companies," says Claire Gumus, assistant director at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management. "It is great for the entire student body to be able to compare how things are handled at different parts of the world."

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Fun seems to be back in Crosby's game

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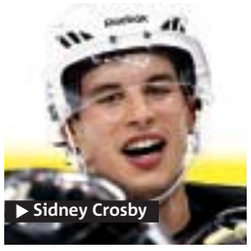

▶ Sidney Crosby

Sidney Crosby was uncommonly upbeat a few minutes before his fourth training camp practice in as many days, regularly flashing smiles yesterday while fending off the playful kidding of his Pittsburgh Penguins teammates.

The reason for Crosby's cheerfulness seems evident. He appears to be getting closer to being cleared for contact — the biggest remaining hurdle as he recovers from a concussion that has sidelined the Penguins' star for 8 ½ months.

"I'm pretty happy with the way they've gone so far," Crosby said of the on-ice workouts.

That was evident as Crosby skated full speed through another all-out practice, this time with co-star Evgeni Malkin skating alongside him in the same group. Malkin, is recovering from knee surgery.

Crosby hasn't backed off any drill, except those that require contact. But he hasn't appeared reluctant to engage in any contact, skating just as hard into the corners as any of his teammates during drills.

Crosby clearly has progressed significantly from a few weeks ago when he was forced to cut back on conditioning work due to concussion-related side effects that occurred once he reached the 90 per cent exertion rate.

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Fans cheer as Jets take flight

Arena packed as Winnipeg beats Columbus in a pre-season contest

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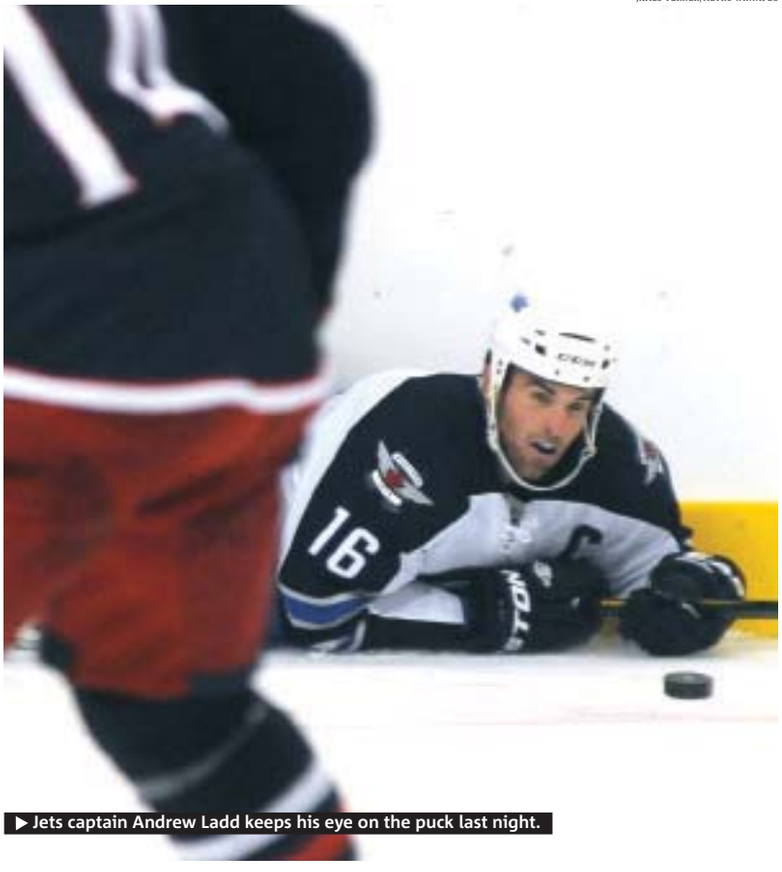

▶ Jets captain Andrew Ladd keeps his eye on the puck last night.

They came, they cheered and they screamed "Go Jets go" as a 15-year separation between Winnipeg and NHL hockey was put on ice last night as the Jets made their return with a 6-1 win.

It was just an exhibition game against the Columbus Blue Jackets and a split-squad one at that. Columbus also won their half of the series at home 5-1.

But the smallest arena in the league was packed with 15,004 jersey-wearing, ecstatic fans who screamed their lungs out at the MTS Centre.

They had lots to cheer. The first fight erupted less than a minute in and Winnipeg's first goal was scored by Paul Postma within the first eight minutes.

And top Jets draft pick Mark Scheifle scored twice and had two assists.

"It was heartbreaking to lose them and to get them back like this is extremely exciting," said Kevin Francis, who attended the game with his son John.

"It's an honour to be in a Winnipeg Jets jersey and get the season going."
CENTRE TIM STAPLETON, IN COLUMBUS

"I couldn't be happier," said Francis, one of many who lined up and arrived more than an hour early.

It was 1996 that saw the last incarnation of the Jets leave Winnipeg for Phoenix, where they were rechristened the Coyotes. The reborn Jets played in Atlanta last season as the Thrashers.

Last year there was speculation it would be the Coyotes who might return since, like Atlanta, Phoenix was in financial trouble. But at the end of May, True North Sports and Entertainment sealed a deal to bring the Thrashers to Winnipeg.

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Angels light up Blue Jays

10	6
ANGELS	BLUE JAYS

Mark Trumbo belted a three-run homer and former Toronto slugger Vernon Wells hit a solo shot as the Los Angeles Angels defeated the Blue Jays 10-6 last night.

Wells launched his 23rd homer of the season just over the left-field wall in the second inning. He followed the rainbow shot with a ground-rule RBI double, part of a three-run third inning.

That frame was the end for Jays starter Brett Cecil (4-10), who gave up six hits, four earned runs and walked three batters.

Trumbo blew things open in the fourth inning with his 29th homer of the year, a no-doubt blast to left-centre field off Kyle Drabek. The young Jays reliever was tagged for six earned runs over two innings of work.

Los Angeles starter Joel Pineiro (7-7) allowed four earned runs over six innings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

GOLF

Weir likely out until April

Mike Weir is facing a long road to recovery from surgery, but still hopes to return to the PGA Tour before next year's Masters.

The lefty from Bright's Grove, Ont., had a follow-up appointment with surgeon Dr. James Andrews last week and told reporters on a conference call yesterday he's hoping to play a couple events before next year's first major in April.

Weir said he'll need to be patient during recovery and won't rush back to action.

The 41-year-old had the extensor tendon in his right elbow repaired on Aug. 18.

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4 sports

Sports in brief

Winnipeg Blue Bombers quarterback Buck Pierce was named the CFL's offensive player of the week yesterday.
Pierce was 20-of-29 with 312 passing yards and two touchdowns in Winnipeg's 25-23 win over the Grey Cup-champion Montreal Alouettes on Sunday. The victory moved the Blue Bombers four points ahead of the second-place Alouettes in the East Division standings.
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5 drive

Motor

The iMiEV's 49-kilowatt (66-horsepower) electric motor is located in the rear and directs its 145 pound-feet of torque to the rear wheels.

The iMiEV's top speed is 130 km/h, but driving at that velocity for any length of time will quickly sap its 330-volt lithium-ion battery pack positioned beneath the passenger floor.

Mitsubishi places the typical range at about 135 kilometres per charge, less than the 160 kilometres claimed by the Nissan Leaf and other electrics.

Charge time

A 240-volt home charging system will top up the iMiEV in about six hours. Plug it into a regular 120-volt home outlet, however, and it's an agonizingly-long 22.5 hours. That doesn't leave much time in the day for driving.

What will eventually be needed is a network of public charging stations that allow all electric vehicle owners to top up the batteries in the shortest possible time.

Space

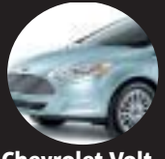
The iMiEV's true purpose is abundantly clear: a short-haul urban commuter pod that can also tackle more mundane chores.

It will easily accommodate four adults as long as they're packing light. However with only the front seats in use, cargo capacity with the 50:50 rear seatbacks folded flat matches the space available in the larger Nissan Leaf.

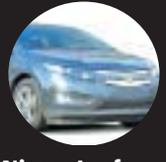
▶ Given the cost of charging versus the cost of gas to go the same distance, the iMiEV is rated at a combined (city/highway) 112 mpg in the United States, or about 2.1 l/100 km. Cheap and clean. Driving like a maniac will impact range, and not in a good way.

By comparison

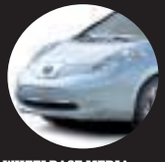
Ford Focus Electric
Base price: $39,000 (est.)
2012 model with a claimed three-to-four-hour charge time, 123 horsepower.



Chevrolet Volt
Base price: $43,000
Backup gasoline generator makes this electric the most practical.



Nissan Leaf
Base price: $40,000
Roomy hatchback gets high marks for functionality, if not for elegance.



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Lean cuisine for the road

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There's a revolution under way, and it's being fought with volts and kilowatts. This is the new-age arsenal of which those shopping for electrically powered automobiles such as Mitsubishi's iMiEV will become increasingly familiar.

The iMiEV hatchback that's scheduled to arrive here in late 2011 joins the all-electric Nissan Leaf and Tesla roadster plus the gasoline-supported Chevrolet Volt as pioneers in the automotive clean-energy movement. Additional models, including the Mini E and Smart Fortwo Electric, are currently (pun intended) in limited production, while Ford's Transit Connect van and compact Focus will become electrified for the 2012 model year. Other automakers, both large and small, have similar plans to join the electric motorpool.

At this point, the iMiEV will be one of the smallest electrical offerings to be mass produced for general consumption. But in terms of accommodations and price, it should prove to be one of the more attractive.

The lightweight (1,180 kilograms) and efficiently designed iMiEV is bound to succeed on price alone. The fact that its minimalist and futuristic styling will play well with the eco crowd should help keep Mitsubishi's green machine solidly in the black right from the outset.

Revolution? Ready, aim, charge.

▶ There's room for four people with little cargo or two people and a lot of cargo with the split rear seat backs folded forward.

▶ It looks pretty normal inside the iMiEV with its console-mounted direction selector.

iMiEV

What you should know about the 2012 Mitsubishi iMiEV:

- **Types:** Four-door, rear-wheel-drive compact electric hatchback.
- **Motor (hp):** 49-kilowatt electric (66).
- **Transmission:** Single-speed controller.
- **Market position:** Joining the growing crop of electric vehicles is Mitsubishi's small-car entry. The i has plenty of flair that sets it apart from the rest of the field and could be the kind of breakthrough model the automaker needs.

VOLKSWAGEN PUSHES FOR NO. 1 STATUS

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All the big cheeses at big automotive companies are male. I think that's why we always hear talk about who is – or who is gunning to be – the world's No. 1 automaker.

It has something to do with sales and profits, yes, but a bit more to do with testosterone. The latest "king of the hill" rhetoric emanated from the Frankfurt Auto Show, which is in full swing this week.

Volkswagen issued a statement at the show, detailing how they plan to spend 62.4 billion euros (about $84 billion) in the coming five years to boost its worldwide production.

Currently the VW group, which includes VW, Audi, Skoda and Seat brands, ranks third in the world motor vehicle production rankings. But it wants the No. 1 status, currently held by Toyota. Also ahead of VW at the moment, is No. 2 man, General Motors.

Yes, that same General Motors that filed for bankruptcy protection back in 2009.

"Top of the agenda for us are investments in environmentally-friendly, sustainable models and drives," noted CEO Martin Winterkorn, in VW's statement.

One of those sustainable models sure to drive future volume is the VW Up, shown for the first time in production trim at the show in Frankfurt. The "mini" or "city" Up is a class smaller than Golf, so we probably won't see it here in North America, which would be a shame, because it's looks pretty good.

And where VW is adding future production speaks volume about which world markets are expected to produce the most incremental sale growth in future years. Those markets would be China, Russia, etc., and North America and Europe not so much.

I guess being No. 1 would be a good thing for any automaker, but I sometimes wonder if people forget about the baggage that comes with being No. 1 at anything.

It doesn't take long before the cooler kids start looking the other way, or throw rocks at you when you're not looking, because you are now the boring establishment, and had it coming. And you can forget about having any "underdog" support you once enjoyed.

So go ahead, take your place at the top of the hill if you want to, just bring a helmet.

List

World ranking of automobile manufacturers, based on units produced in 2010.

1) Toyota
2) General Motors
3) Volkswagen
4) Hyundai
5) Ford
6) Nissan
7) Honda
8) Peugeot Citroen
9) Suzuki
10) Renault

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Recycling your ride

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▶ During this stage of the recycling process, what's left of a car is referred to as the hulk.

Behold ... The final resting place of your deceased vehicle

DRIVING FORCE

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Once considered scrap, end-of-life cars are now considered an asset, dismantled and sold for the value of their parts and metal. It's a process that involves both reuse and recycling once they go to their final resting place.

Some 1.2 million vehicles come off the road in Canada every year, according to Steve Fletcher, managing director of the Automotive Recyclers of Canada. Good recyclers will get as much as they can from each one.

"First, they'll remove any parts that can be directly resold," he says.

"Engines, transmissions, mirrors, taillights, anything that doesn't have to be reworked and can be directly reused."

Next, the recycler drains the 20 to 40 litres of fluid that each one may hold, including gasoline, antifreeze, transmission oil, brake fluid, washer fluid and engine oil. Fluids that are fresh enough are used in company vehicles, while old or excess liquids are sold for recycling or reuse.

"We're paid six to eight cents a litre for oil," Fletcher says; it will be re-refined into recycled oil or burned in asphalt furnaces.

"We want the lead acid battery, not just for the environmental reasons, but because it's worth $4 to $5 as a core that can be refurbished," Fletcher says.

Freon is extracted from the a/c system using special equipment, and is either sold or reused.

Recyclers also check for mercury-filled switches, which were used in some older vehicles to activate the under-hood light, and which must be handled as toxic waste.

"From here, the recyclers start to take it down by the metal," Fletcher says.

"That's anything like the copper in radiators, or aluminum in the wheels or engine."

What's left is called the hulk and it's flattened in a giant press, mainly to make it more convenient to ship. If the seats, trim or windshield weren't good enough to reuse, they're simply left in and pressed during the process.

From there, the hulk is shipped to a facility that shreds it into fist-sized chunks. Magnets and other secondary recovery systems such as pressurized air are used to separate the metals, which are then sent for recycling, while foam, carpet and glass go to landfill.

"On an average vehicle, you'll get 75 per cent recycled as metal," Fletcher says. "Once you factor in the parts we take out, such as tires and (reusable) parts, up to 83 per cent of the vehicle is recycled. You get about $500 to $600 for the metal in a flattened hulk for about $100 in time and effort, so a car has positive value."

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This Jeep should Command your respect

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Taking a place above the Grand Cherokee in the Jeep brand's product line-up, the Commander was available from 2006 to 2010 inclusive. Based on the Grand Cherokee, it was blockier looking, bigger, and boasted three rows of seating and room for seven occupants.

Commander packed plenty of capability and traction on the road less travelled with the Quadra Drive II 4x4 system on board.

Look for features like heated leather seats, navigation, a driver computer, parking sensors, power accessories, remote entry, a sunroof and plenty more.

2006 to 2010 Jeep Commander

Engine

Look for a 3.7-litre V-6 with 210 horsepower, or a 4.7-litre V-8 with 235 horsepower until 2008, and 305 horsepower thereafter. Chrysler's 5.7-litre HEMI V-8 with 330 or 357 horsepower was also available, depending on the year. All models got an automatic transmission.

What owners like

Owners praise the stereo system, interior and exterior styling, and performance with the HEMI V-8. A comfortable ride, towing power, the braking system and Commander's off-road capability are also highly rated.

What owners dislike

Comfort and space in the Commander's second and third seating rows are common gripes, as is fuel economy and rearward visibility.

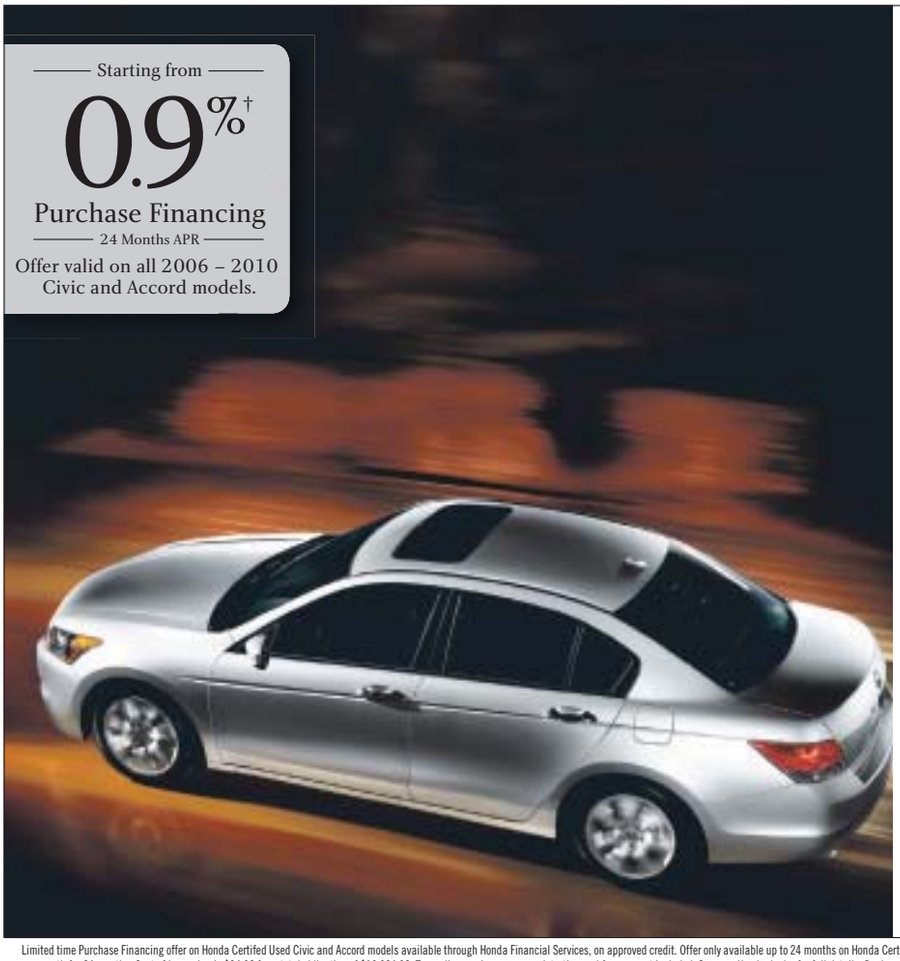
Common issues

Some issues have been reported with electronics, suspension and other systems by owners in online forums, though a Jeep mechanic should be able to check for and diagnose any of the Commander's common problems.

One such problem is a random engine stall-out situation that poses a safety risk. This could be caused by a transmission fluid filter or overly sensitive ignition switch. Ask the vehicle's seller if they've ever experienced this sort of problem.

Verdict

It's primarily styling, towing ability and off-road capability that will draw used vehicle shoppers to the Commander. If you're looking for good fuel mileage, you'd best move to another model.



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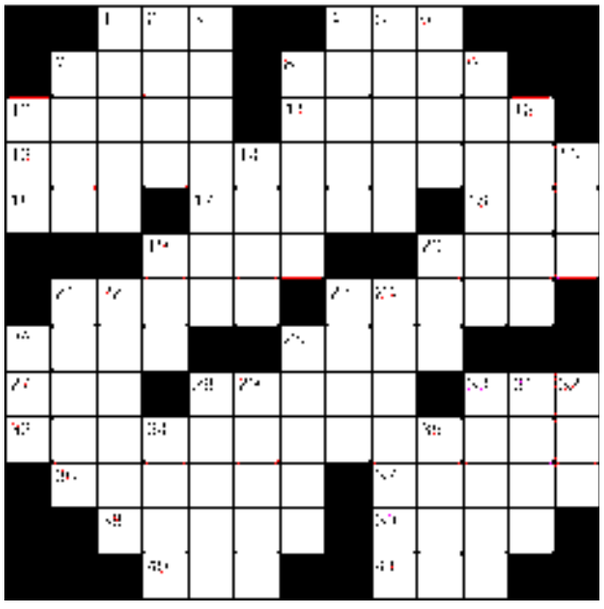

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19 Dilbert's workplace
20 Blood line?
21 Sports-page datum
23 Expositions
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26 Senate employee
27 Actor Danson
28 Handy
30 Shock and —
33 Quahog
36 Throw off the track
37 Novelist Bret Easton —
38 Zodiac dozen
39 Chimney dust
40 "Married ... With Children" mom
41 James Bond, e.g.

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1 Legendary catcher
2 Desert-like
3 Casino patron
4 Tex-Mex entree
5 Lubricated
6 Crossword diagram
7 Wound reminder
8 Smug look
9 Illicit cigarette
10 That woman
12 Wrinkly fruits
14 English river
15 Pistol
19 Two, in Tijuana
20 Compete
21 Lieu
22 Core groups
23 Succumb to gravity
24 Eternal
25 Biblical verb suffix
26 Brooklyn-based beer brand
28 Grammarian's concern
29 Addams Family's "hired hand"
30 Metallic blend
31 Be patient
32 Summertime trio?
34 Faucet problem
35 Hoofbeat sound

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Send a KISS

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James, I still miss you like crazy! I really hope you come back on the route again, still downtown working(since July)...its been forever since I saw you, hope your well! Missing you!! **LONELY BUSRIDER**

Hey Moon, you can't hide from me. Why are you hiding behind that cloud? Can you please let my love know that she is always in my mind? And I love her so much. Give me some sunny days to cheer her up. Tell her to be happy **SUN**

Andy H., Dear Bubby, You are the best thing that happen to me. You are an amazing boyfriend and i'm so glad were together. Through thick and thin were still together, strong. I'll always have your back and always love you. I'll miss you when you leave to go to Egypt. xoxo **YOUR GIRLFRIEND KIM T**

A look at the weather

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 If you are thinking of making changes, consult partners and colleagues.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 The good times just seem to go on and on. Enjoy yourself by all means but think of the future, too.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 In days, your luck will turn and you'll wonder why you doubted that the good times would soon be back.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If you let other people order you around, they'll get the impression you're powerless. Stand up for yourself.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Someone will make an attempt to part you from your cash. He or she will succeed if you let down your guard.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Any projects you started that are not completed can be abandoned.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Your self-confidence may have taken a few knocks but don't let it worry you. You'll be at your best soon.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 How you think determines how you feel, and how you feel determines your everyday reality.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 People in authority will look kindly on you today. That's great.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Recent triumphs have done wonders for your confidence. Now, you will be tested like never before.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 By week's end, many of your problems will resolve themselves.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. If you need to make changes to a partnership, do so before the Sun changes signs on Friday.

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